Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No.

City Maylager's Approval

To:

Mayor and City Council Members

From:

Mark D'Ambrogi, Fire Chief The

Date:

November 14, 2011

Subject:

Authorization for the Fire Chief to submit a grant application to

the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program.

The Issue

Shall the City Council authorize the Fire Chief to submit a grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program?

Conclusion and Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council, by Resolution, authorize the Fire Chief to submit a grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grants Program.

Background

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has announced a round of Proposition 84 funding to be distributed through a grant application program for various acquisitions, improvement/restorations, and land projects. A preapplication process was conducted of which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has authorized the fire department to submit a full application package for funding consideration. The application period is now open and all applications need to be submitted by January 23, 2012. As part of the application process, a resolution from the submitting governing body must be provided and included in the application package. A grant application will be submitted to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break. Such funding will be applied to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation lands adjacent to the City of Auburn to enhance fire

protection and support the work that many of the citizen groups have embarked upon.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

- 1. Authorize, by Resolution, the Fire Chief to proceed with the application process for Proposition 84 funding;
- 2. Take no action; an application will not be submitted without authorization from the governing body.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this process of submitting a resolution giving authority to submit an application for consideration.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 84 GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND THE AMERICAN RIVER CANYON SHADED FUEL BREAK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the Proposition 84 Grant Program; and WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy require a resolution certifying the approval of the applications(s) by the Applicant's governing body before submission of said application(s) to the SNC; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the SNC to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break project as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

- Approves the submittal of an application for the American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break project; and
- 2. Certifies that the Applicant understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and
- 3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the resources(s) consistent with the long term benefits described in support of the application; or continue to secure the resources to do so; and
- 4. Certifies that Applicant will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process: and

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